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EDITORIAL

*WOULD IT BE WORTH WHILE?

Better make a small beginning and go slow, is the most reasonable thing to do as well as the most reasonable view to take of the Zim bill introduced in the Senate as regards the creation of a Commissioner of a Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics, with his assistant and deputies.

The bill would allow, at the minimum calculation, for the expense of \$4,360 annually, an item by no means small, and totally out of proportion to the practical results which would be obtained, and a highly expensive appropriation from the State funds for the work done. The bill carries with it nothing for which there is need or demand, and at best it is a measure that might stand the experimental stage as was the origin of the Auditor's Department. This was inaugurated at the session of 1903, and the report made at the end of two years showed the necessity and importance of the department, which resulted in the appointment of assistants and the widening of its scope.

This is cited as a parallel case and is the basis for the stand that the Zim bill, if it has merit, should by a fair trial on a moderate scale work out its intentions and prove its worth. Then, and then only, would it be best, by results obtained and shown, to either increase its scope, as outlined, or abolish it from our statutes.

The compensation is \$2,500 and traveling expenses for the commissioner; \$1,500 for his assistant and the employment of not more than three deputies, who shall receive as compensation the sum of \$4 per day for the time actually occupied by them in the performance of their duties, though not employed more than thirty days in each year. Compared with the institution of the Auditing Department, which has saved the State many good, useful dollars, this bill is an example of exquisite extravagance.

If we go at all in this matter, or along this line, let us go slowly and surely. Provided the measure is good and proves to be such, its field will be broadened and sufficient appropriation for its expansion and development can be made at the session of 1909.

CONCERT AT COLLEGE.

*An Enjoyable Reception That Was Well Attended by
Visitors Last Night.*

The campus of the State College for Women was the rendezvous of all the visiting men in the city last night. The word campus is used advisedly, for there is no one room, or even one building, of the inadequate plant of the College that would accommodate the large crowd attracted there to take part in and enjoy the concert and reception given by President Murphree and his faculty in honor of the delegates to the County School Superintendents of the State, other school officials, and the members of the Legislature.

The concert, given by the music faculty and the teacher of expression, attracted about ten times as many people as the little chapel of the College would possibly hold. The audience crowded into the halls, and scores enjoyed the program from the windows and other points of vantage. The program rendered was especially attractive and was greatly enjoyed. It consisted of the following selections:

Concerto—Op. 94, Allegro Energico (Rheinberger), Miss Foster, soloist, with orchestral accompaniment for four hands, by Miss Keipp and Miss Hardaway.

Reading—Cupid's Arrow (Kipling), by Miss Moses.

Voice—Berceuse, from Jocelyn (Goddard), by Miss Buchholz.

Piano and Organ—(a) Salut d'Amour (Elgar); (b) Barcarolle (Thiessen); Miss Keipp at the piano and Miss Foster at the organ.

Reading—Merchant of Venice, Act 1, Scene 3, Miss Moses.

Piano—Valse, for left hand alone (Hollander), Miss Hardaway.

Voice—A Song of Thanksgiving (Allitsen), Miss Buchholz.

Organ—Offertoire in C minor (Batiste), Miss Foster.

IN EAST HALL.

Immediately following the concert a reception was held in East Hall. President and Mrs. Murphree, Superintendent and Mrs. Holloway and members of the faculty received informally. In entertaining their guests the "College people" were ably assisted by the residents of the city who are interested in the progress and welfare of the institution.

The dining room of the college was converted into a reception hall and it presented a beautiful picture. At the south end the receiving party was grouped; half way down the room stood the punch table, where a most excellent fruit punch was served by Miss Nash, Miss Williams and others. At the north end of the room was located the chocolate table, in charge of Mrs. S. D. Chittenden, who was aided by a corps of active and efficient young ladies, students of the College.

It would be difficult to estimate the number who attended the concert and reception, but it is safe to say that more than five hundred people were on the campus, not including the two hundred young ladies of the College. These young ladies did all in their power to make it pleasant for the guests of the evening, even to the vacating of their seats in the chapel to make room for the school managers and law-makers.

The evening at the College for Women demonstrated many things, among which may be mentioned the ability of the officers and faculty to dispense hospitality, the ability of the teachers in the School of Fine Arts to perform pleasingly under trying circumstances, as last night's program demonstrated, and around and over all the great need of a more modern and commodious group of buildings to carry on the work in this rapidly growing and popular State institution. With proper facilities the enrollment of upward of two hundred this year could be more than doubled another year.

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